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CHANGE: Southend has
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EXCLUSIVE by Stephen Neale

SOUTHEND'S £250million transformation into a modern centre for culture and tourism will be complete by March 2011, according to town planners.

Two projects – an Olympic pool and the UK's most advanced vocational college – were officially opened last week at a cost of £33m.

They bring the total cost of town regeneration to well over £250m since 2004.

City Beach, Victoria Avenue, and the £30m airport developments are close to completion.

A £12m rail station at Southend London Airport will be finished within a few weeks and a £3m control tower will follow next year, with the extended airport fully functional by the end of 2011.

Council leader, Councillor Nigel Holdcroft, said the projects represented 'unmistakeable evidence' of Southend's transformation.

He added: "We are celebrating the completion of exceptional projects like Southend Swimming and Diving Centre and Futures College, which are putting our borough even more firmly on the national and international map, and four other major schemes are well on the way, too."

"Together, all these improvements really are creating a Better Southend for residents and visitors."

"Our borough is a truly happening place."

The list of projects include:

- £120m college and university campus in Luker Road and Elmer Approach, with student accommodation in London Road.
- £20m vocational training centre at Futures College.
- £30m airport extension and control tower.
- £12m rail station at Southend Airport.
- £13m Olympic-sized diving pool and swimming centre.

■ £7.5m City Beach along the Golden Mile.

■ £6m pier head and viewing gallery.

■ £5m upgrade of Cuckoo Corner.

■ £7.5m upgrade of the Victorias (Victoria Circus and surrounding areas).

■ £25m upgrade of the Palace Hotel, Pier Hill.

■ £6m on bike paths and other schemes as part of Southend's status as a 'Cycle Town'.

Many of the developments were part of the controversial Thames Gateway regeneration project, which identified Southend as one of the neediest areas in the south east.

Several studies showed failures in educational opportunity and achievement.

Planners set out to change the town from a traditional seaside resort to a modern tourist centre, based around learning and culture.

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Cause of death

A WOMAN whose body was found at her family home by police last week died from a stab wound and strangulation, a provisional post mortem has found.

Detectives found the body of 46-year-old Mandy Foakes in the loft of her home in Bramble Road, Daws Heath, 18 hours after the suicide of her husband.

Matthew Foakes, 45, hung himself from scaffolding in Clifftown Road, Southend, at 7am last Wednesday.

Man interviewed

AN ELDERLY man has been interviewed in relation to a domestic incident at Madeira Avenue, Leigh on October 30.

The 87-year-old has not been arrested and remains in hospital.

The investigation into the death of Mary Russell continues.

A post mortem found the provisional cause of death to be 'a bleed around the brain', although further tests are being carried out.

Witness appeal

DETECTIVES are looking for two vital witnesses following a rape.

The 24-year-old victim's ordeal began on Saturday, September 6, 2009, at an address in Finsbury Park, London.

Three men forced the victim into a vehicle and drove her to Southend, where she was raped. She was then tied up and left in a vehicle parked nearby.

If you assisted the victim, contact the incident room on 020 8345 4326.

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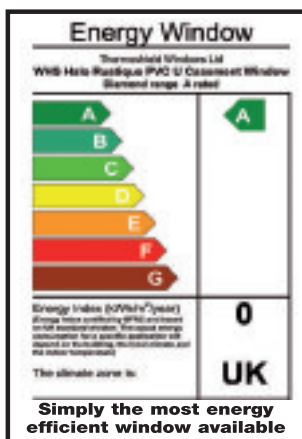
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York Road Market is to be temporary car park

By Karen Davis

THE SITE of a historic marketplace in Southend will be used for additional parking in the run up to Christmas.

Plans have been finalised to re-open the site as a market from Easter.

Council contractors are currently hard surfacing the site and erecting boundary fences in preparation.

It is hoped the car park, which will be able to accommodate around 100 vehicles, will be open for use in the first week of December.

Pay and display machines are also being installed at the site, which will be accessed from a new entrance in Baltic Avenue next to the Tylers Avenue car park.

Sally Holland, Southend Council's corporate director of support services, said: "Using the former York Road Market site in this way will provide much needed extra parking capacity for Christmas and during the January sales."

"The temporary car park will cease to operate in February, but during part of

that month, it will be used for the Chinese New Year celebrations."

The site will then be handed over to market operators Geraud UK in time for the opening of a new market comprising of around 30 stalls at Easter.

Geraud, the largest market operator in Europe, works alongside 300 local authorities and manages more than 1,300 markets each week.

It will initially operate a general market on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, with the possibility of a specialist market on Sundays, although this will depend on demand levels.

The council is currently looking at alternative uses for the site on days when it is not being used for market purposes.

Ms Holland said: "We are looking forward to seeing market traders operating in the area again from Easter onwards."

NEW BEGINNINGS: York Road Market will be turned into a temporary car park during the Christmas period.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



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Man stabbed

A MAN was stabbed in Southend at the weekend.

Police are appealing for witnesses after the attack in an alleyway near Bircham Road.

The assault happened between 9.30am and 10.15am on Sunday, November 7.

The victim - a man in his 20s from Chelmsford - received a deep laceration to his buttock that required surgery.

The suspect is described as white, aged around 22 and of medium build.

Shoebox appeal

PUPILS from Heycroft Primary School filled more than 60 shoeboxes to send to children across the world as part of the Samaritan's Purse charity.

The children researched what would make the best presents and watched videos of the youngsters receiving their boxes.

Westcliff talk

THE Residents' Association of Westborough will present Alive and Kicking at the British Legion in Northview Drive, Westcliff, on Friday, November 19.

The meeting starts at 7.20pm and the guest speaker will be Southend Council's Street Scene officer, Wally Bones.

For more information, contact Brenda Smith on 01702 35193 or e-mail brenda_smi@yahoo.co.uk

Entry is free for members who pay an annual subscription of £4. Non-members pay £1.50.

Loo of the Year

SEVERAL attractions on Southend seafront have won recognition at the annual Loo of the Year Awards.

Adventure Island, Sea-Life Adventure, Sands Bistro, The Three Shells Beach Cafe and The Pavilion Fish & Chip Emporium all scored the top five-star rating. All facilities belong to the Stockvale Group.

Police appeal after serious sexual assault

DETECTIVES from the Essex and Kent Serious Crime Directorate are investigating a sexual assault that occurred on Tuesday, November 9.

A teenage girl was walking along Glenwood Avenue, Westcliff, when a vehicle drove up behind her and stopped in Brightwell Avenue.

A man got out of the vehicle, which is described as a two-door dark green car, and subjected the girl to a serious sexual assault in a nearby alleyway.

The incident took place between 9pm and 9.30pm.

The suspect is described as an Asian

man in his 30s, with short black hair, a black trimmed beard, around 5ft 9in and of medium build. He was wearing dark casual clothing.

Specially trained officers are speaking to the teenager to build up a picture of what happened.

Forensic examinations have taken

place and there is scene preservation at the alleyway in Hainault Avenue and Glenwood Avenue.

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Special report: The Regeneration of Southend 2004-2012

New pool opens to the public

By Karen Davis

A £13.5million swim centre opened on Monday. Southend Swimming and Diving Centre at Garon Park, Southend, was part-funded by Sport England. Construction started in July last year.

Facilities include a 25-metre-long eight lane competition pool and a world-class diving pool.

The diving pool has fixed platforms at 1m, 3m, 5m, 7.5m and 10m, two springboards at 1m and a further springboard at 3m.

It also features a moveable floor to enable swimming lessons and exercise classes to take place, as well as a water agitation and air cushion system.

Other features of the new pool include a dry-diving training facility complete with harness and trampolines, 374 tiered seats, including 22 wheelchair spaces, and a small fun pool with water slide.

Competition winner Mary-Anne Therrien, 43, and three members of her family became the first Southend residents to swim in the pool.

Mary-Anne was joined by her husband and her parents when she took the plunge, having won a competition which appeared in Southend Council's magazine for residents, Outlook, which also gave her and three family members free use of the facilities for the next year.

Mary-Anne, 43, said: "I entered the competition because I love swimming and as a Chronic Pain Physio, I understand the real benefits of swimming and the importance of having an improved swimming centre in the town."

"Southend really needed a more modern pool and so I was very excited to see this one come to fruition."

"To actually win this fabulous prize is amazing and my family and I feel very privileged to be here enjoying this new facility first."

British Swimming has already announced its intention to use the new pool as a training base for the British Olympic diving team prior to the London 2012 Games.



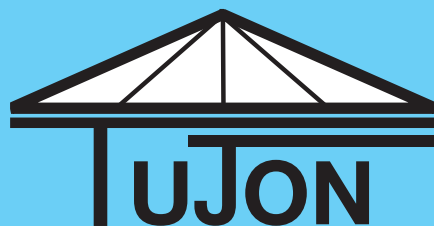
IN THE SWIM: Mary-Anne Therrien with husband Richard and father-in-law Pierre became the first Southend residents to swim in the new £13.5m pool at the Southend Swimming and Diving Centre at Garon Park (pictured inset).

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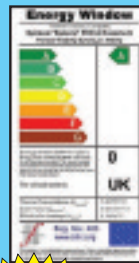
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Major schemes are on schedule

SOUTHEND Council is on track to deliver the four major projects that make up the £25m Better Southend initiative on schedule.

The Progress Road, Cuckoo Corner, Victoria Gateway and City Beach schemes are aimed at making Southend a more pleasant place to live, work and relax.

All four schemes are part-funded by cash from the Department for Communities & Local Government.

They all have to be delivered by March 2011 or any unspent cash is clawed back - leaving the council to fund the remaining work and local taxpayers to foot the bill.

Councillor Mark Flewitt, executive councillor for planning and transport, said: "I am absolutely delighted that we are on course to complete these four projects on time."

"The aim of the Better Southend initiative is to make Southend a better place to live, work and visit."

ROAD improvements currently underway at Progress Road as part of the Better Southend initiative are progressing well and on schedule to complete by the end of March 2011, according to Southend Council.

Traffic management has now been revised on the eastbound carriageway of the A127 to allow the workforce to carry out resurfacing works in the centre of the road.

Work has also commenced to construct a new lane for traffic turning left into The Fairway from the westbound carriageway of the A127.

In order to carry out these works, lane closures will need to be implemented during the daytime off-peak from 9.30am until 3.30pm and

overnight between 8pm and 5am.

However, the noisier operations will be kept to a practical minimum after midnight.

The works are expected to be completed by mid-December.

During these times, drainage and kerb replacement works will also be carried out along The Fairway. Work will also be carried out at the junction with Eastwood Old Road to realign kerbs and traffic islands to make turning into and out of this junction easier for motorists.

Southend Council apologises for any inconvenience these works may cause and would like to thank residents for their patience during this essential work.

JUNCTION improvements at Cuckoo Corner are progressing well and on schedule to complete by the end of March 2011.

In order to get the work completed more quickly and to reduce disruption and inconvenience, Priory Crescent will be closed from 8pm on Friday, November 19, until 6am on Monday, November 22.

Residents wishing to gain access to Priory Crescent during this period will be provided with a pass that they can

show the site workforce in order to be allowed through.

Motorists without passes will have to follow signed diversions in order to gain entry from another direction.

Manners Way will be closed on the evenings of Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20, from 8pm and re-opened the following morning at 8am.

It will also be closed on the evening of Sunday, November 21, from 8pm and reopened at 6am on Monday, November 22.

Only houses up to Hampton Gardens will be affected by

the closure and access permits will be given to the necessary residents.

This closure will allow contractors to work on both arms of the roundabout at the same time to complete kerb, drainage and paving works.

It will also enable work to excavate and reconstruct the carriageway on both Manners Way and Priory Crescent and the roundabout circulatory.

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Special report: The Regeneration of Southend 2004-2012

A bright future

By Karen Davis

A COLLEGE celebrated the official opening of its state-of-the-art learning facility last week.

Futures Community College, in Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, once held the English record for the longest time in special measures - but what a difference five years makes.

It has now been recognised as a pioneer in blending academic and vocational learning.

Department for Education minister, Lord Hill of Oareford, officially opened the next step in Futures' revival by opening a £19.2m upper college facility for 11 to 19-year-old students last week.

Lord Hill, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools, said: "I am delighted to open this excellent new centre at Futures, which should benefit thousands of pupils in the years to come."

"I am keen to encourage high quality vocational education and to see the spread of apprenticeships."

"I very much hope that Futures Community College will become a centre for both vocational and academic excellence in Southend."

The facility incorporates a fully functioning hair and

PROGRESS: Lord Hill of Oareford officially opened the new facility at Futures College.



beauty salon and an engineering and construction apprenticeship centre.

The former education secretary and co-founder of the Baker Dearing Educational Trust, Lord Kenneth Baker, also attended the opening.

In addition to traditional subjects, the upper college will provide access to vocational training and facilities in business, IT, construction, hairdressing, beauty, sports science, fashion, engineering and public services.

The new sixth form and apprenticeship training will sit side by side to enable local young people to stay in education and gain the knowledge and skills they

need for their future.

The college recently appointed a new principal, Simon Carpenter, who aims to implement a vision set out for the college by the governors in partnership with its Trust sponsor, Prospects Learning Foundation - a high quality third sector apprenticeship provider with training centres across the Thames Gateway.

Mr Carpenter's employer is EdisonLearning, the international school improvement and educational services company, which first entered into partnership with Thorpe Bay School in 2004, which went on to become Futures Community College in 2007.

According to the new principal, EdisonLearning transforms teaching and learning at partner schools by developing effective approaches to teaching and introducing new ways in which staff, time and resources are brought together to create the best educational experience.

Mr Carpenter said: "This new building allows the relationship between teachers and pupils to be different."

"It's about showing pupils they matter to us, through the standards of the facilities."

"The building is never the whole answer, but it is a very big part of it because it enables our vision of blended learning to happen."



Family guest house wins tourism award

A SOUTHEND guest house has won a top business award.

The Essex Tourism Awards have recognised the Pier View Guest House in Royal Terrace, Southend.

The venue won the Essex-wide category and will go on to the national finals, due to be held in London next spring.

Ed Findlay, joint owner of Pier View, said: "We are truly honoured that our family business has achieved such a prestigious accolade in winning first prize in the Essex Tourism Awards in the Best Bed & Breakfast/Guest House category."

"We are fortunate to have a unique historical building in a

beautiful part of Southend which we have refurbished with love and care."

"This is a great moment for us and we are very proud of bringing home the award to Southend."

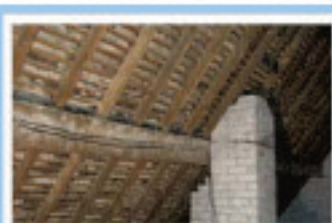
Southend's Visitor Information Centre - one of the busiest in the region - and Southend Marine Activities Centre, where people can learn to sail, windsurf and kayak, were also chosen as Essex Tourism Awards finalists.

PROUD: Barbara Corti and Ed Findlay, from Pier View Guest House, Southend, have won a top tourism award.

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Special report: The Regeneration of Southend 2004-2012

Pier plank number 1,000 adopted



THANKS FOR PLANKS: Councillor John Lamb presents Jackie Bignell, who sponsored the 1,000th plank on Southend Pier, with champagne.

By Karen Davis

GENEROUS residents and visitors have adopted 1,000 planks on Southend Pier. To celebrate, the person who sponsored the final plank was honoured at a special ceremony last week.

Jackie Bignell, of St Albans, adopted three planks for each of her grandchildren and hit the jackpot as the 1,000th supporter.

Southend Council's deputy leader, Councillor John Lamb, presented Jackie with a bottle of champagne donated by contractors Kieran Lucas who currently have the Pier & Foreshore maintenance contract.

Mrs Bignell said: "I have spent many a happy day visiting Southend over the last 50 years.

"These planks are for my grandchildren, who I hope will also enjoy a visit to the pier."

Mr Lamb said: "We have been

running the Adopt a Plank scheme with great success since April 1999. "This excellent scheme allows us buy things for the pier that we would not otherwise benefit from.

"We introduced it specially to raise money for projects on the pier that would not be achievable through usual sources.

"So far, these have included stainless steel benches and display stands, and the installation of the spectacular mosaic mural.

"The fund is ring-fenced and the money cannot be spent on general maintenance.

"Congratulations to Mrs Bignell for becoming our 1,000th sponsor.

It costs £50 to adopt a plank, or £250 for a commercial sponsor.

Each sponsor receives a certificate and their name is listed on the Roll of Honour in the North Station on Southend Pier - for more details, call 01702 215000.

Get back in the saddle and ride

CYCLISTS of all ages are being invited to rediscover their bikes through a series of 'Back in the Saddle' rides.

Cycle Southend has just launched a new season of outings, which are aimed at encouraging people to get fit, make new friends and rekindle their liking for biking.

The trips include:

■ Get Fit and Fabulous - leaving from Southend Pier every Saturday at 9am, they take a dif-

ferent route each time and are led by trained cycling instructors.

■ Pedal Back the Years - gentle rides designed for the mature cyclist.

■ Informal mountain bike rides - leaving from the ReCycle Centre, 2 Brunel Road (off Progress Road), Leigh, at 9am on Saturday mornings, these are for people who are new to off-road riding but have a sense of adventure and own bikes with knobbly

tyres.

The rides are not led by an instructor and, though inspired by Cycle Southend, are not run by the organisation.

Southend Council's executive councillor for transport and planning, Mark Flewitt, said: "Congratulations to Cycle Southend for finding such inviting ways to encourage people back into the saddle.

"There really is a ride for every-

one among these fun, friendly and healthy bicycle outings.

"They offer a terrific way to help boost energy and fitness levels, improve balance and co-ordination, strengthen the heart and reduce blood pressure."

Those wishing to join one of the rides should call 01702 215338 or e-mail cyclesouthend@southend.gov.uk. For more information about Cycle Southend, visit www.cyclesouthend.co.uk

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Disability scheme scoops NHS prize

NO ORDINARY AWARD: Manager, Henry Watson and co-ordinator, Debbie Chapman with service users Matt Williams and Stephanie Ross.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

By Karen Davis

A SCHEME aimed at changing attitudes to learning disabilities in the borough has been recognised at the NHS East of England Health and Social Care Awards 2010.

The Ordinary Lives Project Team, which is based at the Avro Viking Day Centre, was highly commended in the 'Support for Independence' category of the awards.

The project sought to challenge prejudice about whether disabled people could lead ordinary lives.

The scheme began three

years ago with the Ordinary Lives Exhibition - a collection of photographs showing people with learning disabilities taking part in ordinary activities such as cooking, shopping and swimming.

These were widely exhibited in schools and public places and are now featured on the Ordinary Lives website.

The success of the exhibition led to a competition where school pupils were asked to promote the fact that people with learning disabilities could lead ordinary lives, given the right opportunities and support.

Anna Waite, Southend Councillor for adult social care, health and housing, said: "We are immensely proud of the superb work done by the Ordinary Lives Project team."

"The NHS East of England Health and Social Care Awards are an annual celebration of the innovative and inspirational achievements of teams and individuals."

"It is very impressive that the Ordinary Lives initiative was highly commended and proves that all the hard work being put in by staff has been worth it."

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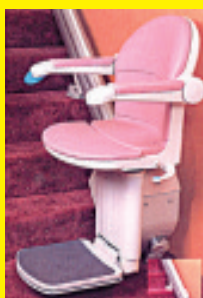
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Recycle and win

By Karen Davis

SOUTHEND Council is urging people to recycle their old electrical goods and follow the example of two residents who have already won prizes in a national contest.

Darryl Long, from Shoebury, and Jayne Evans, from Southend, were presented with an iPod docking station and an eco kettle respectively to mark their success in the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) contest.

Their names were picked from more than 350 residents who entered the competition.

All contestants filled in special cards to make recycling pledges and on these, they promised to take their old electrical items to be recycled at Southend's Household Waste



Recycling Centres at Leigh Marshes and Stock Road.

Southend has a recycling target of 60 per cent by 2015.

The recycling rate for 2009/10 was 41 per cent, up from 34 per cent in 2007/08.

ELECTRIC DREAMS:
Southend Council's waste and recycling officer, Miranda Valenzuela with competition winners, Jayne Evans and Darryl Long, and members of the recycling team.



Join trek to Peru

A LOCAL charity is looking for a team to trek to Peru and raise vital funds.

Havens Hospices - which incorporates Little Havens Children's Hospice and Fair Havens Hospice - has officially launched its Peru Trek, which takes place from October 26, to November 4, 2012.

The charity is looking for 20 special people to trek along the Lares path.

Event fundraiser Claire Southgate is hoping the trek will raise thousands of

pounds to help the charity continue caring.

For a detailed itinerary or further information, contact Claire Southgate on 01702 220312, e-mail c.southgate@havenshospices.org.uk or visit www.havenshospices.org.uk

ON THE RIGHT TREK;
Claire Southgate, from Havens Hospices, is looking for people to join her on a trek to Peru.

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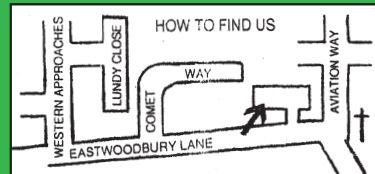
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Celebrating the county's sporting best

SHOOTING star James Huckle has been named as the Essex Sports Personality of the Year.

The 20-year-old from Harlow, who won four medals at this year's Commonwealth Games in Delhi, picked up the honour at a ceremony at Rayleigh's Mill Hall last Wednesday.

Essex Sports Award 2010 is organised by sportsex and supported by BBC Essex.

Winner of the Young Sports Personality of the Year honour was

upcoming badminton starlet Rebecca Terry, from Rochford.

Danny Crates, a paralympic gold medallist, was presented with the sportsex Chairman's Award.

In all, there were 10 categories on the night with a range of sports represented.

Chairman of sportsex and chief executive of Essex County Cricket Club, David East, praised all of the nominees.

"It's been a wonderful occasion," he said. "It's amazing to see such

diversity of talent in a number of sports from right across the county.

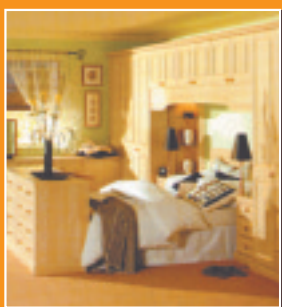
"They are a credit to their families and this county."

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ESSEX fire crews will no longer respond to 999 calls made by automatic alarms in workplaces.

Essex Fire and Rescue Service will not act on such reports from February next year because 97 per cent are false alerts.

Essex Fire and Rescue Service will also stop attending reports made by those phoning from telephone kiosks and abandoning the call by hanging up.

Deputy chief fire officer, Gordon Hunter, claimed the move will 'reduce risks to the public' by ensuring firefighters are available for real emergencies.

He said: "I am sure homeowners and businesses would want our fire crews and appliances are ready to respond to their real emergencies."

"They would rather that than

them not being available because they are sitting outside factories or offices dealing with yet another of false alarms that the service gets on a yearly basis."

Statistics show that over a 15-month period from April 2009 to June 2010, 28 per cent of the 25,000 incidents attended by fire crews were automatic fire alarms.

The service believes the changes will reduce 2,000 'blue light' movements on the county's roads.

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Adventure Island investment

By Karen Davis

BOSSES at Adventure Island have invested £5,000 to keep visitors safe and secure.

The cash will be used to support police officers patrolling the seafront and town centre areas as part of Operation Backstreet.

The operation controls the policing of the High Street, Marine Parade, Pier Hill and Lucy Road areas between the hours of 9pm and 3am on Friday and Saturday nights.

Since its launch in July 2007,

police have seen the number of crimes and times covered by the operation cut in half.

In the three years between July 2007 and June 2010 there were 385 crimes. From July 2004 to June 2007, there were 807 crimes - equating to a 52 per cent drop.

Adventure Island's executive chairman, Philip Miller, said: "Southend seafront is a major family tourist destination that brings visitors to our town and keeps businesses thriving, so we need to do all we can to make sure that people feel

completely safe and so have a great time while they are here.

"If they do, they'll keep coming back and tell their friends how great Southend is."

Inspector Leigh Norris said: "Crime prevention is best achieved when the police work in partnership with local agencies, businesses and residents.

"Adventure Island is a major business in Southend and their financial support shows their dedication to this shared responsibility.

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College 'improving'

By Karen Davis

A COLLEGE placed in special measures has made a marked improvement, according to the latest official report.

Inspectors from Ofsted reported that Cecil Jones College had made 'good progress' since its first monitoring visit in April this year.

They said that the drive to improve attendance and punctuality was making good progress and commended the college for its effective monitoring, for improving the quality of learning in the classroom, and in planning and delivering more challenging and interesting lessons for students.

Students' behaviour was also judged to have much improved, as a result of the clear and stringent expectations established by the college and supported by parents.

In a joint statement, headteacher Pauline Harris and the chair of governors, Barbara Brook, said: "We are absolutely delighted for our students, staff and parents at Cecil Jones

College.

"This result resoundingly acknowledges all our hard work and unflinching dedication. "It represents a very important step in our

improvement journey. However, we also know we must now continue to move forward as quickly as possible."

Southend Council's executive councillor

for children and learning, Councillor Roger Hadley, said: "The pupils, parents, staff and governing body deserve to be warmly congratulated."

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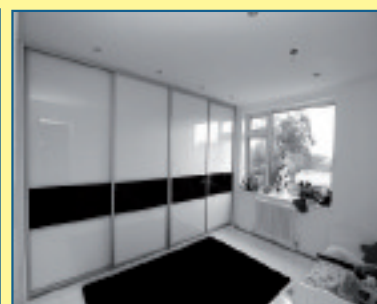
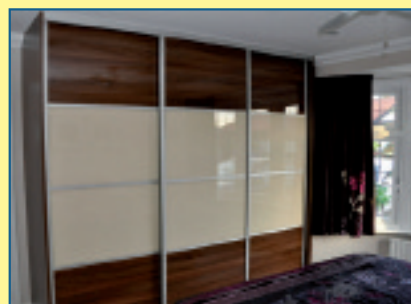
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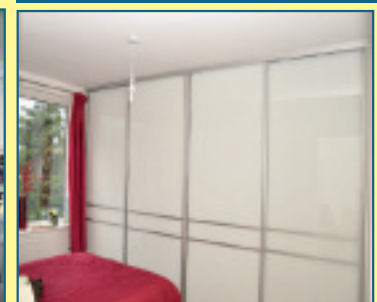
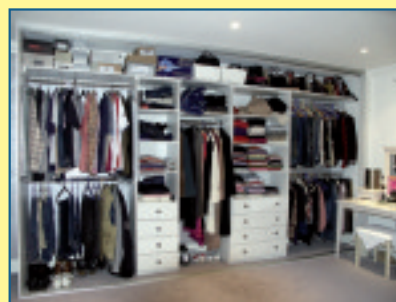


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Council thanks

SOUTHEND Council would like to thank those who participated in its recent budget consultation exercise.

Almost 1,300 people aired their views on how savings should be made in response to the Government's

Spending Review.

A report including the full findings of the consultation will be published in March 2011.

Family appeal

THE CORONER'S Office in Liverpool is appealing for

the next of kin of Denise Buckley to come forward.

The 60-year-old died at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital after a short illness and it is believed Ms Buckley has family in Essex.

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Judo competition

By Karen Davis

SOUTHEND Judo Club member, Charlie Russell, will join nine other blind and visually impaired competitors looking to win medals this month.

Competitors will meet at the Southend International Judo Championships on the weekend of November 27 and 28 at Southend Leisure & Tennis Centre.

The event is attracting competitors from as far away as Australia and is open to all.

Charlie, 19, has already been selected for the 2012/2016 Paralympic fast track by Team GB. He is currently undergoing extra training with three times paralympic medal winner, Ian Rose, along with other members of the Olympic and Paralympic squad.

The blind and visually impaired competitors will also compete against fully sighted Judo competitors from around the world.

Southend Lions are due to support the event.

The youths and seniors compete on Saturday, November 28, including members of the current British Squad and many other Black Belts.

The following day will see Junior members competing from all over the world.

Entrance for spectators will be £4 for adults and £2 for children (on the door).

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Albanian man jailed for rape

A MAN has been sentenced to three years at a young offenders' institute after he pleaded guilty to a rape at a flat in Northumberland Avenue, Southend, on May 8.

Ervis Bulica, from Southend, pleaded guilty to attacking a 28-year-old woman during a hearing at Basildon Court last week.

Bulica, who originally comes from Albania, will have to sign the Sex Offenders Register for life and will be deported at the end of his sentence.

DC Tanya Bailey said: "We are pleased with the guilty verdict, which follows a complex investigation into this serious offence.

"This is a case that has had, and will continue to have, a lasting effect on the victim, who has been supported by police throughout the justice process.

"My thanks go out to all of the witnesses who have assisted us in bringing this man to justice."

Reviewing lawyer for the Crown Prosecution Service, Suzanne Stringer, said: "We are pleased this case has reached a successful conclusion for the sake of the victim, who we hope can now move on with her life.

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A REMEMBRANCE Day parade took place in Westcliff last Sunday.

The Mayor, Councillor Ann Holland, took part in the proceedings with parade veterans and youth organisations, who assembled along with the standard bearers and wreath bearers at Clifftown Parade and Prittlewell Square.

A procession of representatives from Southend's faith communities marched to the Cenotaph to meet the Mayor, who laid a wreath on behalf of the residents of the town and the members and officers of Southend Council.

Wreaths were also laid by the town's MPs, David Amess and James Duddridge, the Essex county branch of the Royal British Legion, the borough's police, fire and ambulance services and representatives of the faith communities.

Two arrested

TWO males have been arrested on suspicion of robbery following an incident at a jewellers in Southend High Street on Monday, November 15.

Police were called to Ernest Jones just after 9am to reports of a robbery in which two men had stolen a large quantity of watches.

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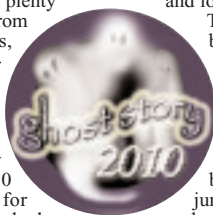
Stories must be no longer than 500 words and entries

must reach us by 9am on Friday, December 3.

Please ensure you include your name, address, age for junior entries, and daytime telephone number with your entry.

The winning entries will appear in the paper in the new year and will also be published on our website - www.yellowad.co.uk

Send your entries to Ghost Story 2010, Yellow Advertiser, Acorn House, Great Oaks, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1AH. Happy writing.



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E-mail scam

SOUTHEND Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership is warning local businesses about an e-mail scam.

An e-mail sent from a company in the Netherlands invites the recipient to register their business with an international directory.

It appears to be free but the small print explains that by registering, the customer agrees to a three-year subscription of around 1,000 Euros per year.

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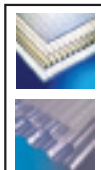


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The unemployed man is described as white, 6ft, slim, with short brown hair and brown eyes. He has a four-dot tattoo on his left knuckles and a scar on his left forearm.

He has contacts in the Newington Avenue area of Southend.

Roberts was arrested in September in connection with attempted theft and vehicle interference. He was released on bail but failed to appear.

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WANTED: Paul Roberts.



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But let's not forget the besieged businesses in Victoria Avenue, between the Blue Boar and Fairfax Drive Lights, who are fighting the combined might of Sainsbury's and our heartless Council.

This truly is a David and Goliath battle, a struggle of right against might.

The right comes in the form of well respected and patronised local businesses standing up for their rights and their livelihoods.

The might comes in the form of a supermarket giant, backed by a Council which cow tails to big business, allowing themselves to become stooges of the greedy and powerful, against the people it is supposed to care about and represent.

How can it be that a local council is acting as an agent for a massive multi-national business, using powers of compulsory purchase to further the commercial interests of a private company, and in the process acting against local businesses?

It's one thing for a council to

use it's power to compulsory purchase property needed for public projects (whether we agree with those projects or not), however, using those powers for the benefit of the already bloated profits of a company such as Sainsbury's is surely morally bankrupt. In these troubled economic times, our Council should be helping and supporting local businesses, not forcing them out.

The SKIPP Committee
Patsy Link, Sheena Walker,
Mark Sharp

Inhospitable?

WHO had the bright idea to get rid of the WRVS catering service at Southend Hospital?

A private firm was to take over but at the moment there is nothing to replace it.

There is a restaurant on the next floor but anyone waiting to be called for an appointment can't risk missing there turn by going there.

Jim Browne, Park Street,
Westcliff

Dartford toll should be abolished, not increased

IN A bizarre piece of logic, the coalition government have

decided to increase the standard Dartford Crossing Toll from £1.50 to £2 next year and then to £2.50 in 2012!

While the government propose to remove the physical toll booths by 2012, the charge will still remain and will be payable by camera technology similar to that used for the London Congestion Charge.

The Government insist they need to raise the toll in order to fund investment into the necessary technology and to help pay for a new crossing.

This is a ludicrous argument. While the physical removal of the tolls is welcome, this is nothing more than a stealth tax to raise even more cash from road users.

The Government nets some £55million per year from the current toll charge and that is more than enough to invest in the necessary technology to introduce camera-based tolls.

The promise of another crossing is just pie in the sky, the real motive behind this is to milk dry road users who have no choice but to use the crossing. The £2.50 charge would remain, or more likely increase, while a vague promise of another crossing is mooted ad infinitum.

As promised from the outset, once the cost of the tunnels and bridge had been paid off then the toll would cease.

This happened in 2002 but then the previous government reclassified the toll as a congestion charge - even though it is the collection of the charge

which is causing the congestion!

The way forward is to remove the booths, abolish the toll and let the traffic flow freely - in every sense of the word - over the crossing.

A petition opposing the increases and calling for the toll to be scrapped can be found at haveringra.org.uk
Councillor Clarence Barrett,
Upminster

Taxpayer pays the expenses

DAVID Bodimeade's letter (YA Letters, Nov 10) regarding personal expenses for Mr Cameron states that these expenses are paid for by the taxpayer and should be paid by the Tory party.

He goes on to say that Mrs Blair's style adviser was paid by the Labour Party - who the heck does he think pays for the Labour Party?

The taxpayer, of course! So it boils down to the fact that all political parties are paid for by the taxpayer.

Personal advisers (such as Mrs Blair's) are in effect paid for by the taxpayer, not by the Labour Party itself, as suggested by Mr Bodimeade.

Personal expenses are provided from party funds, which all political parties gain from the taxpayer.

Name and address supplied

Time is running out for badgers

COULD I please remind readers that the coalition's Badger Consultation ends on December 8 in which members of the public can voice their opinion on the government's plans to license farmers to randomly shoot thousands

of free-running badgers, over the next four years.

A badger vaccine became available in March but shooting will of course be the cheapest and favoured method.

However, the badger's dense anatomy would make it almost impossible to guarantee a clean, humane kill.

The Labour Government's Badger Consultation in 2008 showed very clearly that 85 per cent of the public were opposed to a cull and a study by the Independent Scientific Group, costing the taxpayer over £50m, concluded that 'there was no scientific basis for claiming that the majority of bTB outbreaks originate from badgers' and that 'badger culling can make no meaningful contribution to the control of bTB'.

They found badger infection to be of little significance compared to cattle-to-cattle transmission and added that culling badgers can make matters worse.

If this government choose to ignore these findings we can say goodbye to another £50m of taxpayer's money.

Undoubtedly some infection of cattle by badgers does occur, but this is dwarfed by the numbers of cattle slaughtered because of lameness, infertility and mastitis.

We believe a badger cull to be unworkable, unnecessary and unacceptable and would ask readers to write to DEFRA at TBBC mailbox, c/o Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR.

Please make it clear that you are responding to the consultation and also please write to your MP.

Patricia & Nigel Hall,
Harold Wood

Protect yourself

PEOPLE have a right to protect their property and them-

selves and should report any incidents to the police, council and or housing association.

Residents can take a proactive stance by setting up either webcams or CCTV cameras with motion detection to record the vandalism and also to identify the culprits.

If you have a Neighbourhood Watch in your area, they can also provide a useful monitoring service of who is coming and going in your neighbourhood. Another good idea is to put up a CCTV camera warning sign facing the road.

The reason why these yobs get away with this activity for many years, is because people report them once and then give up when the police or council don't respond properly.

The answer is to bombard these offices with reports and videos showing whats going on. Get your MP involved as well and show him the evidence.

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Less time and consideration is spent when I put out a status update on my Facebook or Twitter accounts. It's usually random nonsense saved just for my 'friends'.

I must admit, I have used this forum to air a rant or two in my time. I've ranted, clicked 'share' and thought little more about it.

It's probably the same process that Paul Chambers went through when he Tweeted his frustrations at his local airport potentially closing due to snow back in January.

He was due to fly from Robin Hood airport in Doncaster to Belfast to meet his girlfriend.

His Tweet, which ended with a double exclamation mark, warned the airport to get its act together or he would 'blow it sky high'.

Not the most amusing joke, but the kind of threat issued thousands of times every day. 'I'll kill him when he gets home', etc.

But Mr Chambers' Tweet was picked up by security services and he was charged and

found guilty of 'menace' - losing his job in the process. Not only that, his appeal was thrown out with the judge stating that 'Any ordinary person reading this would see it in [a menacing] way and be alarmed'.

But the thing with Twitter is that people would only see this guy's message if either they were 'following' him on the microblogging site or if someone they knew had republished it. It's unlikely that anyone else would stumble across it and be so alarmed.

The fact a man has lost his job and now has a criminal record for posting a throwaway comment on a website is a kick in the proverbials for free speech.

As the comedian David Mitchell - one of many public figures to support Chambers - said, he is being punished for flippancy.

When I read what he had posted, I neither saw it as menacing nor was I alarmed (other than by how he had been treated).

If we are taking things so literally, the judge in this case has effectively described me as 'abnormal' - maybe I should sue for defamation.

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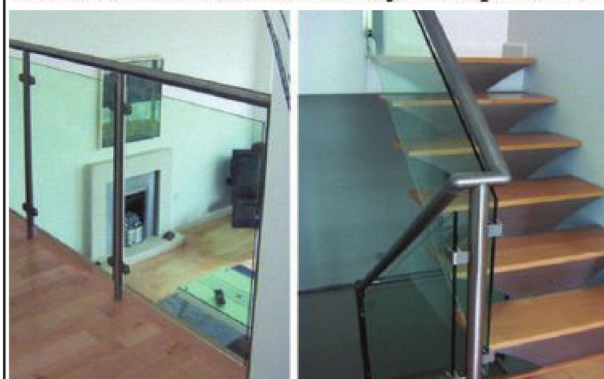
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our verdict

F We did an experience day with PL Falconry a few years ago and it was brilliant. We got the chance to fly an eagle and a little Barn Owl called Gizmo. We saw Gizmo again at the centre while she was eating her dinner and trying to hide it from us. The new aviaries are really nice and they have 30 birds there. PL Falconry has a new raven and a couple of new eagles, and there is this really big vulture there, too. I would really like to fly their birds again. It's great fun.

Joseph Chambers, 12

I loved flying the birds. We did it all a few years ago but I can still remember everything about it. I liked flying Gizmo the best because she was light. We saw Gizmo again at the centre, and another Barn Owl called Gadget. The people at Barleylands showed us this Eagle, who was really friendly, and there was a huge vulture as well. There are lots of birds to see and some of them kept squawking at us including a massive Eagle Owl called Big Alice.

Joshua Chambers, 9

fact file

■ **DIRECTIONS:** PL Falconry can be found at Barleylands, in Barleylands Road, Billericay. It is easy to find by following the brown tourist signs from the A127 or A12.
■ **PRICES:** A one-hour experience costs £25; a half-day experience costs £55; a full-day experience costs £95; a two-hour Owl Encounter costs £45; Eagle and Vulture Days cost £150 and Archery Experiences are £25 for one hour or £45 for two hours. If you just want to visit the birds at Barleylands Farm Centre, it's £8 for adults and £7 for children while under twos get in for free.
■ **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For more about PL Falconry, call Paul Lewis on 01268 533217 or visit www.plfalconry.co.uk. For more about Barleylands, visit www.barleylands.co.uk

A bird in the hand..

LIZ WADE and her two boys make some feathered friends on their visit to PL Falconry in Billericay

EAGLES, vultures and even a raven are now happily at home at Barleylands Farm Centre, in Billericay. PL Falconry, which has been offering bird of prey flying experiences in the area for years, is now based at the farm and has a new purpose-built area there. As well as adding a little bit extra for visitors to the farm centre to enjoy, PL Falconry also gives people the chance to enjoy flying experiences from as little as £25.

The experiences, available for both adults and children, are a fantastic way to learn more about the birds.

We tried out a half-day experience back in 2007 and the boys absolutely loved it. They had such an amazing time that the memory has definitely been etched in their minds forever as they regularly tell people what they did and fondly remember a little Barn Owl called Gizmo.

The boys were delighted to see Gizmo again, along with Gadget the Barn Owl, when we visited their new home at Barleylands last week - and what a lovely place it is.

As soon as we walked through the gates of the craft village, we saw a row of brand new aviaries. Eager to take a closer look, the boys hurried through the entrance to the farm and round to the birds.

Paul Lewis, who runs PL Falconry, showed us around the

centre's new aviaries, which are home to 30 birds of prey including eagles, vultures and hawks.

The move has meant that PL Falconry has been able to add more birds to its family, including two more eagles and the raven.

Its aviaries are large and open so we got a great view of their inhabitants, many of which happily squawked at us on our arrival - except Gizmo who turned her back with her dinner.

There are information boards outside each aviary telling visitors about the birds and where they are from and the PL Falconry staff are also only too happy to answer any further questions visitors may have.

We saw Caracaras from the Falkland Islands, a huge Eagle Owl called Big Alice, who had quite a bit to say for herself, a lovely Great Horned Owl called Nanook and a tiny Scops Owl called Ezme.

A row of stables, which had previously been used for storage at the centre, have also been converted into new homes for the birds, outside which there are special perches so visitors can take a closer look at them.

Flying experiences are already taking place on the fields behind the centre and they start at just £25 per person for a one-hour experience, which includes handling and flying one of the magnificent birds of prey.

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SQUAWK: Paul Lewis, from PL Falconry, introduces the boys to one of his animals.

and learn about their behaviour in the wild, are fantastic.

We met Gizmo back in 2007 during one of these experiences, when she was just 18-weeks-old and got the chance to fly her, as well as a Harris Hawk, before watching Paul give us a flying demonstration of a Saker Falcon.

PL Falconry also offers full-day experiences which include a falconry talk, a flying demonstration, the chance to learn how to tie a falconers knot and make some of the leather equipment, and the opportunity to weigh the birds and fly a variety of them.

It also offers Owl Encounters, Eagle and Vulture Days and

even Archery Experiences.

Barleylands is also planning to build a special flying arena for the birds so PL Falconry can put on two displays for visitors, seven days a week, next year.

PL Falconry is also working on a Vulture Conservation Project and staff are happy to help bring science to life in local schools by visiting pupils with the birds.

The addition of PL Falconry at Barleylands is a fantastic boost and one which opens the door to a whole new world of experiences. I would definitely recommend one of its encounters or experiences as they are absolutely fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable.

You can read all about previous days out Liz and her boys have taken by visiting www.yellowad.co.uk and clicking on 'Blogs'

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- Essex Orchid Group Autumn Show at South Green Memorial Hall, Billericay. 2pm to 4pm. Entrance £1
- Christmas fair at All Saints Church, Queensway/Sutton Road, Southend, 11am to 2pm. Tombola, books, plants, games, toys, cakes and more. Call Gareth on 01702 613371.
- Concert - Prelude to Christmas by Orpheus Singers at Southend Salvation Army Citadel, Clarence Street, Southend. 7.30pm. Tickets £8, £7 concessions, £4 under 16s. Call 01702 477911.
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Sunday, November 21

- Walk - South East Essex Ramblers meet at 9.30am at Rayleigh Weir Sainsbury's, Mill Green and Blackmore. Call Maggie on 01702 295668.
- Walk - Essex Area Friends Group

- Ramblers meet at 10.30am at Wat Tyler Country Park for walk to explore the sculpture trail. Call Jim on 05601 526649.
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A RANGE of mouth watering temptations will be served during the festive season at Westcliff's Spaghetti Junction.

The popular restaurant, at 767 London Road, is now taking bookings for pre-Christmas celebrations.

The dates, from December 1 to 24, look set to be popular and anyone interested is urged to book early to avoid disappointment, as Christmas day lunch is already fully booked.

Its Festive Set Menu, served every Monday to Saturday evening from December 1 to Christmas Eve, includes a three-course meal for only £19.95 per person.

Spaghetti Junction, which has undergone a recent 'facelift', offers some of the finest Italian and continental dishes in town.

As well as its excellent pizzas and pastas and its variety of European dishes including paella, chicken calvados and beef espetada, Spaghetti Junction also offers an extensive menu including Dover sole, trout, sea bass, squid and skate, and steak, veal, chicken and duck.

The restaurant also has a Chef's Specials board to choose from, and a Children's Menu offering a variety of dishes for just £3.95, from Monday to Saturday.



If you have room for more then its desserts are to die for! The menu offers a wide choice including delicious pancakes, waffles, apple pie and chocolate fudge gateau, as well as a range of ice creams such the old favourites of Butti-Nutti, Minty Miracle and Walnut Wonder, along with its newest additions of Forest Fantasia, Eton Mess and Almond Adventure.

Spaghetti Junction offers a range of deals from Monday to Friday evenings. Diners can enjoy a Pizza and Pasta Menu, including a starter and pasta or pizza, for £7.95; its Special Duo Menu including main course and dessert for £7.95; and a three-course set menu for the fantastic

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Spaghetti Junction is the ideal setting for parties of up to 30 people and is also available for private functions.

It also boasts a Takeaway Service for those who want to enjoy dishes from its A La Carte menu, as well as pizza and pasta, in the comfort of their own home.

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music & shows

Morse returns

by Jenny Green

If you thought Inspector Morse was dead, think again - he will be rising for one last hurrah at the Palace Theatre later this month.

House of Ghosts is a brand new Morse mystery that sees the grumpy, Jaguar-driving detective doing what he does best. The play has been written by Alma Cullen (with a helping hand from Morse's creator, Colin Dexter) and the lead role will be filled by Colin Baker, of Dr Who fame.

Colin, who played the time travelling adventurer between 1984 and 1986, is used to having big shoes to fill, after following in the footsteps of five luminaries before him.

Because of this though, he is not phased about becoming Dexter's most famous creation live on stage.

"I used to watch Morse on the television and admired John Thaw enormously," Colin says.

"Like everyone else, I thought the demise of John would be the end of Morse so when the director rang me up to tell me about House of Ghosts, it was a bolt out of the blue, albeit a very flattering one.

"I went off and read all the books straight away and realised that there is very little information in them about what Morse actually looks like.

"It's all about his character, really, and we're remarkably similar, which is fantastic. Morse was classically educated, and so was I. He has a passion for the English language, and so do I. He's very grumpy about life, and so am I... it was an opportunity I grabbed with both hands."

House of Ghosts will be at the Palace Theatre, Westcliff, from Monday, November 29, until Saturday, December 4.

Tickets start from £14.50 - to book, call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit www.thecliffspavilion.co.uk



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Ocean City Chinese Restaurant, which used to be Noble House, has completely refurbished its upstairs function room and fully modernised its karaoke system to include both new and classic songs.

Christmas bookings are now being taken for its Christmas Karaoke Events, which are being held from December 1 to 31.

The events, which include all-you-can-eat buffet and karaoke, cost just £11.95 per person from 1-6pm each day, or £12.95 from Sunday to Thursday evenings, £15.95 on Friday evenings and £16.95 on Saturday evenings.

All of its Christmas events offer fantastic value-for-money as there is no service charge and you can buy your own drinks from the bar.

Ocean City, which is conveniently situated near Chalkwell station, is a fantastic venue throughout the year thanks to its 'eat as much as you like' policy.

Diners can enjoy an extensive range of dishes in its downstairs restaurant from just £9.95 per person, or indulge in its upstairs buffet and karaoke entertainment from just £8.95 per person.

Those looking for something different can enjoy a range of Ocean City Specials including its Oriental Feast, which allows you to enjoy as much as you like of 10 dishes per table from more than 180.



The feast, which includes five starters and five main courses, is available every day of the week except during special occasions.

The feast costs £9.95 per person from noon to 6.30pm, £11.95 per person after 6.30pm from Sunday to Thursday, £12.95 on Friday evenings, and £13.95 on Saturdays.

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A NEW restaurant, which is one of the largest in Essex, is now open in Rochford.

Regency Spice Restaurant, Lounge and Diner, in Back Lane, has been serving exquisite food since opening its doors in May.

Its menu includes a vast range of dishes from chef's recommendations to Regency specialities.

There are a range of Tandoori specialities, Balti dishes, Nepalese and Bangladeshi specialities, Thali and Kurzi specials, Persian, chicken, meat, fresh fish and shellfish dishes, as well as Thai specialities, vegetarian options and Regency Combination Platters for two or four people.

These are complemented by a wide range of starters, rice dishes, nan breads, sundries, pickles, and desserts. The fully licensed and air conditioned restaurant also offers an extensive drinks list including a wide range of beers and wine.

It has a range of offers including a Business Lunch, available from noon to 2.30pm Monday to Friday, which includes a chicken tikka or lamb or vegetable samosa for starter, chicken tikka massala or chicken bhuna for the main course, as well as bombay potato, pilau rice and nan bread, for £8.95 per person.

It also has a Sunday Buffet, served from noon to 11.30pm, when customers can eat as much as they like from a large selection of delicious dishes for £7.95 per person, or £3.95 for under 10s.



Tony, the owner of Regency Spice, has been in the catering business for 40 years and prides himself on his restaurant.

It has ample space for large parties thanks to its separate function room, which is complete with dancefloor, sounds, lights and smoke, as well as karaoke. The restaurant, which has full disabled access, can also host charity nights for which it will donate 50 per cent to the charity of your choice.

Regency Spice is the perfect place for festive celebrations, as it

will be hosting entertainment and buffet evenings every Friday and Saturday evening in December, which cost just £19.95 per person.

Up-and-coming evenings include Essex Showstars Karaoke Disco on December 4; live vocal entertainment from Alex Ashe on December 10; professional vocal entertainment from Lucinda Rhodes, from BBC's Cavegirl, on December 11; an Elvis tribute on December 16; and Universal recording artiste, Jade Tibbs, winner of Sky's Bump 'n' Grind, on December 17.

Regency Spice will be celebrating Christmas in style on December 24, with the entertaining Wendy Wild, and will be seeing in 2011 with top class vocal entertainer Abby Owers on December 31.

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The Akropolis Meze, available for two or more people, is ideal for parties as the menu is meant to be lingered over.

There is also a Kleftico Feast, including traditional dips and pitta bread, Kleftico, Greek Pastries and fresh fruit, for £17.95 per person.

The mouthwatering food is not the only Akropolis attraction - the restaurant also produces a good line in live music on most days.

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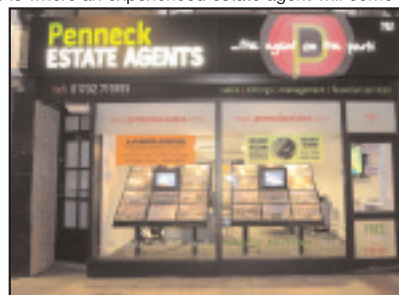
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The market has rapidly altered since the change of Government as buyers and sellers have become more concerned with employment and the effect this will have on the market. The number of sales being agreed has reduced But there are still sales being made.

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For example, we would review the following in context:

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Benfleet Road, Hadleigh £550,000

Executive Five Bedroom Detached Family Home - Benfleet Road Location - Lounge 17'0 x 12'4 - Sitting Room 24'10 x 9'10 - Dining Room 13'3 x 12'4 - Well Fitted Kitchen 16'2 x 10'7 > 7'11 - Utility Room - Two Ensuite Shower Rooms - Principle Bathroom Suite - Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating - 54' x 49' Front Garden - Garage - Sweep In/Out Driveway - 80' West Backing Rear Garden - Summer House/Gymnasium - No Onward Chain - Viewing Highly Recommended

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Hadleigh £239,995

Character Three Bedroom Semi Detached Family Home - Extremely Sought After Location - Ample Potential To Extend (Subject To Planning And Building Regulations Etc) - Unusually Large Plot - Lounge 13'4 x 11'11 - Dining Room 11'6 x 9'9 - Kitchen With Farmhouse Style Units And Log Burner To Remain - Three First Floor Bedrooms All With Fitted Wardrobes - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Good Size Rear Garden With Ample Room To The Side Of The Property - Detached Garage - Off Street Parking For Numerous Vehicles - Close To Hadleigh Town Centre - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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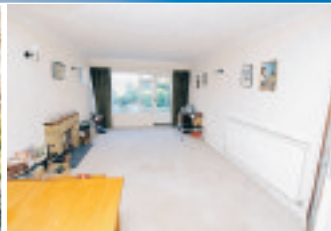
Benfleet £229,995

Deceptively Spacious Four Bedroom Family Home - Convenient Location - Easy Access Of Tarports, Manor Road And The A13 - L-shaped Lounge 19'1 > 12'6 x 15'11 > 7'10 - Dining Room 11'8 x 8'0 - Kitchen 10'2 x 9'6 - Ground Floor Cloakroom - Ground Floor Bedroom 22'4 x 7'11 - Three First Floor Bedrooms - Four Piece Family Bathroom Suite - Detached Garage To Rear - Good Size Side Access With Storage/Parking Potential - Ample Off Street Parking - Viewing Advised

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Woodland Close, Hadleigh £325,000

Vacant Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow - Extremely Sought After Location Set Amongst Similar Detached Properties - Lounge 24'1 x 11'9 - Bedroom One 15'8 x 12'9 - Bedroom Two 11'0 x 9'11 - Kitchen 10'11 x 10'11 - Garage 19'1 x 9'4 - Good Size Rear Garden - Set Back From Road - Full Gas Central Heating - Easy Access of Hadleigh Nature Reserve And Belfairs Woods - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Thundersley £210,000

Good Size Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow - Lounge 15'10 x 9'10 - Conservatory 12' 4 x 10'10 - Kitchen 10'11 x 8'11 - Bedroom One 15'5 x 9'11 - Bedroom Two 9'5 x 9'1 - Bathroom/W.C - UPVC Double Glazing - Gas Central Heating - Well Maintained Throughout - Decked Rear Garden - Extremely Popular Location - Convenient Cul De Sac - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

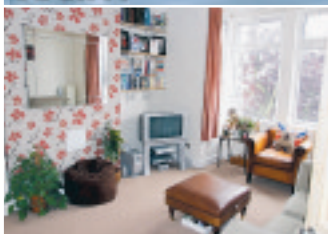
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Westcliff On Sea £119,995

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Canvey Island £142,500

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Rayleigh £399,950

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Rayleigh £219,995

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Rayleigh £775 pcm

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Westcliff On Sea £795 pcm

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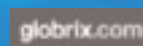
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RAYLEIGH £425,000

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HOCKLEY £179,995

An immaculate two bedroom terraced house on the popular Betts Farm Development close to shops, schools, woodland and a main line railway station. The property benefits from a double glazed conservatory 11'6 x 9' and allocated parking for two vehicles. EWH3779

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ASHINGDON £165,000

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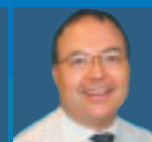
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End terrace house, with gas fired central heating and modern uPVC double glazing. Kitchen, Shower room (was a bathroom), large through lounge-diner, 3 bedrooms, garage with own driveway with parking for 3 cars, very well laid out 65ft garden. Quiet cul de sac location just off London Road.

MARINE ESTATE £329,500



A large 1930's built family house, having undergone some modernisation, but in need of further upgrading works, situated in this much sought after part of the Marine Estate about 1/2 mile walk from Leigh on Sea railway station.

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MARINE ESTATE £385,000



Exceptional 4 bedroom house with exceptional views across open farmland towards Hadleigh Castle. The house is situated on the much sought after Marine Estate about 1 mile from Leigh station, and offers 2 separate reception rooms fitted kitchen ground floor wc 4 good size bedrooms and family bathroom 75ft WEST backing garden detached garage & additional parking and is offered with no onward chain.



MARINE ESTATE £142,500



Marine Estate. Lovely purpose built ground floor flat within a short walk of Marine Parade offers open plan accommodation, double bedroom modern white bathroom double glazing and gas central heating communal gardens.

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BELFAIRS AREA £234,995



Vacant two bedroom semi detached bungalow on the Belfairs Estate, having a secluded 85' South facing garden. Plenty of parking to the front and a long driveway leading to the attached garage. UPVC double glazing and gas central heating (untested). The lounge/diner has a pleasant outlook to the rear garden. Generally the bungalow requires some updating, but we recommend an early viewing.

CHALKWELL AREA £135,000



2 BEDS

Very well presented and spacious purpose built first floor flat. Just a short distance from Chalkwell Park and School. Ideally located for local shops. The flat offers two double bedrooms, modern bathroom and kitchen and spacious lounge. Double glazed windows. Communal garden with visitor parking to the rear. This sizeable flat must be viewed internally.

SOUTH LEIGH £325,000



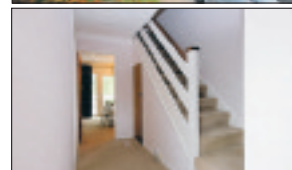
ESTUARY VIEWS

Beautifully presented first floor flat overlooking the Estuary, in this prime location, ideally positioned for Chalkwell Station and within reach of Leigh Road and Broadway. Two double bedrooms one with access to the balcony to the front. Magnificent lounge with balcony and views, modern shaker style kitchen and bathroom. Full lift service, garage and visitor parking. Rarely available!!!! Share of freehold.



EASTWOOD £209,995

Situated on the very popular Astronauts Estate, this three bedroom nicely presented house offers some great accommodation including an en suite to the master bedroom, separate modern family bathroom and ground floor cloakroom. The large 20' Lounge is complimented with a quality modern fitted kitchen which must be seen with many integrated appliances. Gas central heating and double glazing. Desirable location. No onward chain.

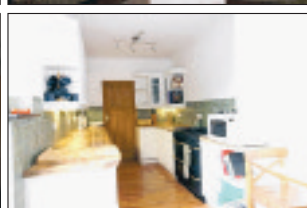


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SOUTH OF LONDON ROAD £279,995



WESTLEIGH CATCHMENT



Westleigh School catchment area. Impressive and deceptively spacious three bedroom extended house, with stairs leading from the landing up to a loft room. The kitchen/breakfast room has also been extended to a depth of 22'10 and is fitted with modern cupboards. Two generous reception rooms, large bathroom with bath and separate double shower cubicle. 70' garden. Ideally placed for the Broadway and station. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

SOUTH OF LONDON ROAD £279,995



WESTLEIGH CATCHMENT

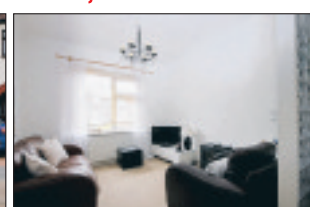


Westleigh Schools Catchment. Deceptively spacious three bedroomed house with an established 80' west facing garden. Off road parking for two cars, gas central heating double glazing. Offered with no onward chain. Two separate reception rooms and lean to / sun room to the rear. Perfect for the school!!! Leigh Station less than one mile away.

LEIGH ON SEA £169,950



MUST BE VIEWED



Very well presented and cared for two bedroom semi detached bungalow, with off street parking and a generous 50' garden. The property has a modern "shaker style" fitted kitchen, providing open plan living to the dining room. Equally modern bathroom and partial double glazing. Local shops and bus routes are located at the end of the road. Viewing essential.

SOUTH OF LONDON ROAD OIRO £340,000



CLOSE TO BROADWAY



Featuring a 70' x 45' secluded and landscaped west backing garden which accompanies this magnificent two bedroomed detached bungalow, with a 28'3 attic room with stairs leading from the living room. Double glazing modern shaker style fitted kitchen, separate shower room and modern en suite shower room to the master bedroom, which has double doors opening out to the veranda and garden. Off road parking and potential garage space (subject to any required consents). Essential to view internally!!!

LEIGH ON SEA £229,995



With off road parking and garage to the rear, this extended three double bedroomed house offers generous accommodation. Leading off the dining area is a UPVC double glazed sun lounge, with direct access to the well tended garden. Gas central heating and double glazing, and ground floor cloakroom. Local shops and Byfords grocery store are within reach, as well as regular bus routes. Not to be missed!!!!

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WESTCLIFF FROM - £95,000

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Homecove House was erected in the mid-1990s by McCarthy & Stone and in addition to the accommodation detailed, residents benefit from the many facilities provided by a sheltered housing flat, including resident house managers, 24 hour emergency call service and security entry system. Guest bedrooms are available within the complex and lifts are provided to all floors.

WESTCLIFF £395,000

NEW



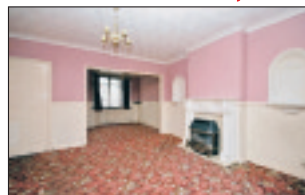
A Detached three Bedroom House of much character offering excellent accommodation & situated in this sought after road close to local High schools & the General Hospital. Large Lounge 17'3 x 16'8, separate dining room, kitchen, conservatory 16'5 x 12'2 overlooking rear garden, bathroom & w.c., plus separate shower room with w.c. Delightful rear garden approx 65' in depth with Westerly aspect, front garden mainly hardstanding for 3/4 vehicle parking plus attached garage/store. Well appointed family property which must be viewed internally.



NEW



PRITTLEWELL £199,950



A Spacious Semi-detached 3/4 Bedroom Chalet Bungalow offered with early possession available. The gas centrally heated & double glazed accommodation offers through lounge-diner with double doors to garden, kitchen, ground floor bathroom & w.c., plus first floor shower room & w.c., pleasant front & rear gardens with car parking for several vehicles. Situated in a pleasant residential location. Realistically priced we recommend an early internal inspection.

SOUTHEND £177,500

REDUCED



Offered with early possession available this modern Semi-Detached Bedroom House benefits from Lounge overlooking rear garden, kitchen-breakfast room, an en-suite shower & w.c., cloakroom, family bathroom & w.c., rear garden with decked patio area, double length car parking & own garage. Ideal family purchase with immediate viewing recommended. Cul-de-sac location convenient for Prittlewell mainline railway station, local shops & bus routes.

CHALKWELL £475,000

NEW
PRICE



Situated on the Chalkwell Hall estate this four Bedroom Detached family House offers excellent potential for improvement with early possession available. Lounge, sep. dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, bathroom, sep. w.c. Southerly backing garden with sun terrace & conservatory. Gas oil & many led-lit & stained glass windows. Garage with 2/3 car driveway plus additional parking space. Convenient for Chalkwell mainline railway station & the Esplanade. Viewing essential.

WESTCLIFF FRONT GUIDE PRICE £475,000

MUST
BE
VIEWED



Guide price £450,000 to £475,000. Sea Front. An exceptional top floor flat with a superb 18' x 30' vaulted living room, 3 bedrooms and very good Estuary views. Dressing room/en-suite, fabulous bathroom, garage, additional parking and many, many features.

SOUTHEND £149,950

CENTRAL
LOCATION



Realistically priced to allow for general up-dating this three Bedroom terraced House offers much character including feature fireplaces & a southerly backing rear garden of approx. The property has front Lounge, rear dining room overlooking garden, kitchen, bathroom with w.c.

SOUTHEND £139,950

VACANT
POSSESSION
AVAILABLE



Offered with early possession available this two bedroom House has Lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, ground floor cloakroom & first floor bathroom, study, gas central heating & u.P.V.C. double glazed windows. Off street car parking plus rear garden approx 30' in depth. Ideal first time purchase realistically priced for improvement.

SOUTHEND £109,950

ONE
BED



A Ground Floor Flat with Front Lounge 16' into bay x 14', well fitted double bedroom with window overlooking garden, kitchen, bathroom & w.c. Gas central heating & double glazed windows. Own rear garden area off street car parking space. Situated close to the Civic centre & convenient for Prittlewell mainline railway station & High street shopping facilities.

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BOURNES GREEN £480,000

NEW



An outstanding example of a Martin built four double bedroom detached family home situated on an approximate South backing plot. The property is within the sought after Bournes Green School catchment area and in addition to the double garage there is a crazy paved semi-circular driveway which provides additional parking. Rarely do properties of this size and style come to the market and as vendors sole agents we recommend early viewing.



THORPE BAY £169,995

NO
CHAIN



Hair & Son are pleased to offer for sale this spacious two double bed second floor flat on the borders of Southchurch & Thorpe Bay with views from the lounge towards the countryside. There is a fitted kitchen, fully tiled bathroom with separate cloakroom plus several useful storage cupboards and garage in a nearby block. The property is offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN and keys are held for viewings.

THORPE BAY £169,995

NO
CHAIN



A modern purpose built flat situated within half a mile of Thorpe Bay Broadway and station, the property is offered for sale with no onward chain and there are two double bedrooms. To the rear are communal well tended gardens and a garage plus visitor parking.

THORPE BAY £309,995

NEW
PRICE



An attractive and modern three bedroom detached house situated within a mile of Thorpe Bay Broadway and station and maintained in our opinion to a modern and high standard throughout. To the rear of the property extends an approximate 70' x 30' secluded garden and in addition to the good size single garage the front drive is block paved providing extra parking for further vehicles if required.



WICK ESTATE

NEW



Situated in an established and mature residential area is this L shaped two double bedroom semi-detached bungalow. Our owner clients have just finished an extensive refurbishment programme and there is now a newly installed shaker style kitchen with inset ceiling spotlights and newly installed bathroom suite with separate W.C. and attractive complimentary wall tiling. To the rear of the property extends a mature and established garden with approximately 16' of space to the side should any intending new owner wish to extend further. As properties in this location and condition rarely become available we recommend early viewing.



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NEW
PRICE



An outstanding opportunity has arisen to purchase this marine apartment with two double bedrooms. From both the lounge and main bedroom there are panoramic views of The Thames Estuary and Kent coastline. The property is tastefully decorated throughout to a modern standard and benefits from newly fitted carpets and is presented in ready to move into condition.



THORPE BAY FRONT £225,000

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PRINCES COURT, SOUTHEND £375 PCM



LIFT SERVICE

- 3rd floor studio flat
- Studio Apartment
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- Double Glazing
- Modern bathroom suite
- Good decorative order
- Wooden flooring
- Popular location
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Parking at rear

CHALKWELL ESPLANADE, WESTCLIFF £950 PCM



SEA VIEWS

- First floor flat
- Two large bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- South facing balcony
- Car parking space
- Modern bathroom suite
- Car port at rear
- Seafront location
- Good decorative order
- Two large bedrooms

BURNABY ROAD, SOUTHEND £600 PCM



GOOD ORDER

- First floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Modern shower room
- Good order
- Modern kitchen

SOUTHCHURCH AVENUE, SOUTHEND £425 PCM



DOUBLE GLAZING

- First floor flat
- One bedroom
- Kitchen
- Double glazing
- Carpets
- Bathroom/WC

ASHBURNHAM ROAD, SOUTHEND £600 PCM



REAR GARDEN

- Ground floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Gas central heating
- Rear garden
- Good decorative order

GORDON ROAD, SOUTHEND £600 PCM



NEW CARPETS

- Ground floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- New bathroom / WC
- Gas central heating
- New carpets
- Newly decorated

HOWLETT HEIGHTS, EASTWOOD £800 PCM



FURNISHED

- Second floor flat
- Purpose built
- Electric heating
- Furnished
- Parking space at rear
- En suite shower room

LEIGHAM COURT DRIVE, LEIGH £650 PCM



THREE BEDROOMS

- First floor flat
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Own rear garden
- Popular location
- Viewing advised

GLENHURST MANSIONS, SOUTHEND £500 PCM



TWO BEDROOMS

- First floor flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas central Heating
- Good decorative order
- Carpets
- Bathroom with white suite

LONDON ROAD, WESTCLIFF £550 PCM



OWN GARDEN

- First floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower
- Some Double glazing
- Own rear garden
- Good decorative order

CHURCH ROAD, HADLEIGH £995 PCM



FOUR BEDROOMS

- Semi detached house
- Three/four bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Spacious lounge
- Dining room
- Modern kitchen
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WESTCLIFF ON SEA £107,500

An opportunity has arisen to purchase this one bedroom end of terrace house situated within a central location of Westcliff. The property offers one double bedroom and has the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating, small courtyard garden and allocated off street parking.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £189,995

We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this well presented semi detached bungalow offering spacious accommodation throughout and benefiting from a well maintained South backing rear garden. The property is fully double glazed and there is a good size lounge/diner and two double bedrooms



SOUTHEND ON SEA £165,000

Two bedroom detached bungalow benefitting from double glazing and gas central heating. The remainder of the property however does require general refurbishment which is reflected in the asking price. 80' South backing garden and off street parking. Eastcote Grove is situated within a sought after location of Southchurch.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £199,950

Fully detached chalet bungalow, being fully double glazed and having gas central heating, lounge, sun lounge, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc, off street parking for three vehicles plus garage to rear, west backing rear garden, close to Priory Park.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £195,000

Being situated within a sought after location of Westcliff is this vacant two/three bedroom semi detached bungalow offering early vacant possession. The property benefits from full gas central heating via radiators as well as South backing garden and detached garage approached via shared driveway.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £149,950

An opportunity has arisen to purchase this spacious three bedroom end of terrace house being situated within a sought after location, South of the London Road within close proximity of Southend town centre and railway stations. This character property includes a West backing rear garden and offers enormous potential. Keys held for viewings.

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WESTCLIFF ON SEA £154,950

An opportunity has arisen to purchase this spacious three bedroom end of terrace family house being situated in a popular location of Westcliff and offering vacant possession. The property is gas centrally heated and double glazed and is realistically priced to allow for general refurbishment.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £185,000

Being situated a central location of Westcliff is this three bedroom semi detached house being situated on a larger than average plot. The property benefits from two reception rooms as well as three double bedrooms and has established West backing garden. The property also benefits from garage with side driveway. Some general refurbishment is required which has been reflected in the asking price.



CHALKWELL HALL ESTATE £149,950

Spacious 2 bedroom ground floor apartment within a pleasant, well maintained block is situated within the sought after Chalkwell Hall estate. The property benefits from a large lounge with French doors opening onto attractive communal gardens and offers vacant possession. The apartment requires some refurbishment which is reflected in the asking price.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £114,950

Spacious purpose built two bedroom first floor apartment being situated within a popular and central location of Southend within close proximity to Prittlewell railway station. The property is offering no onward chain, double glazing



CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA £235,000

Attractive two bedroom ground and first floor apartment situated within the sought after location of Royal Terrace in the Cliffdown Conservation Area. The property offers spacious living accommodation and has spectacular Estuary views from the living room. The property also benefits from its own attractive rear garden and off street parking.



THORPE BAY £300,000

We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this four bedroom detached family house being situated within the sought after Burgess Estate and offering no onward chain. The property benefits from garage and off street parking, there is a ground floor cloakroom and full double glazing .

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SOUTHEND ON SEA £995 pcm

Fully refurbished first and second floor maisonette , two large reception rooms, three double bedrooms, newly fitted kitchen with all integrated appliances, newly installed bathroom suite/ wc with shower, full gas central heating, some double glazing, sharers considered



LEIGH ON SEA £850 pcm

Situated on the popular Belfairs Estate backing directly onto the woods is this attractive two bedroom semi detached bungalow , which offers spacious living accommodation. The property benefits from off street parking and en-suite shower room from master bedroom.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £550 pcm

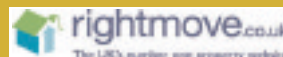
Spacious first and second floor maisonette being situated within a central location of Southend close to local shops and within close proximity of Southend town centre and Victoria railway station. The property offers a spacious lounge and two double bedrooms to the first floor with stairs leading to a good size third bedroom.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £450 pcm

First floor flat situated within central Southend, spacious lounge, double bedroom, fitted kitchen with integrated oven and hob, space for fridge freezer and plumbing for washing machine, bathroom/wc, full double glazing, economy 7 electric storage heaters

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Westcliff on Sea - £299,950

Three bedroom semi detached house. Lounge, ground floor shower room/cloakroom, dining area, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, family bathroom, loft room, majority double glazed, gas fired central heating, excellent decorative order throughout, 90' west backing rear garden, carport and garage. Early viewing advised.



Westcliff on Sea - £189,995

Three bedroom semi detached house located in quiet residential area close to High Schools and bus routes into Southend Town Centre. Lounge. Separate dining area. Fitted kitchen. Double glazed. Gas central heating. Rear garden approx 60'. Integral garage. No onward chain. Close to all amenities.



Southend on Sea - £375,000 - NEW BUILD

Four bedroom new build detached house offering excellent size accommodation. Three reception rooms, modern fitted kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom, dressing room to bedroom two, attached garage, driveway to front, approx 110' x 40' rear garden. New build 10 year NHBC certificate. Early viewing advised.



Shoeburyness - £118,000

Immaculate one bedroom galleried landing starter home located close to Asda shopping facilities and bus routes. Lounge. Kitchen. Double glazed. Communal gardens and parking. Ideal first purchase.



Southend on Sea - £89,995

Ideal first purchase. One bedroom ground floor flat with communal garden and off street parking. Spacious lounge. Gas central heating. No onward chain. Excellent value.



Thorpe Bay - £180,000

Charming mid terrace two bedroom house located within Bournes Green school catchment area. Spacious lounge with feature fireplace. Fully fitted kitchen/breakfast room 14' x 10'. Original character features. 75' rear garden.



Westcliff on Sea - £110,000

One bedroom ground floor flat located within close proximity of Westcliff railway station and Hamlet Court Road. Lounge, bathroom, kitchen/diner, own rear garden. No onward chain.

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HIGH STREET, SHOEBURY £550 PCM
LARGE ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO EAST BEACH. LARGE LOUNGE. MODERN FITTED KITCHEN. BATHROOM WITH SHOWER. CENTRAL HEATING. STRIPPED FLOOR BOARDS. COMMUNAL COURTYARD. AVAILABLE NOW. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. SS3 9AH



LYDFORD ROAD, SOUTHEND £495 PCM
LARGE ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO THE CLIFFS PAVILION. LOUNGE. FITTED KITCHEN / BREAKFAST ROOM. CENTRAL HEATING. PRIVATE COURTYARD. GARDEN. AVAILABLE NOW. UNFURNISHED. SS0 7QX



ALEXANDRA STREET, SOUTHEND £650 pcm
TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM LARGE NEWLY REFURBISHED SELF CONTAINED MAISONETTE JUST OFF THE HIGH STREET. Own Ent door. Large Lounge. Newly fitted kitchen. Double Glazed. Central Heating. AVAILABLE NOW. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. SS1 1BX



LONDON ROAD, SOUTHEND £595 PCM
SPACIOUS. TWO LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOM SELF CONTAINED FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE. OWN ENTRANCE DOOR. KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM. CENTRAL HEATING. FITTED CARPETS. AVAILABLE END NOVEMBER. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. SS1 1PG



WESTMINSTER DRIVE, WESTCLIFF £450 PCM
ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO THE LONDON ROAD. LOUNGE. FITTED KITCHEN. SHOWER ROOM. CENTRAL HEATING. PART DOUBLE GLAZED. PRIVATE GARDEN. AVAILABLE 6TH DECEMBER. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. NO BENEFITS. SS0 9SG



PLEASANT ROAD, SOUTHEND £795 PCM
THREE DOUBLE BEDROOM HOUSE CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE. LOUNGE/DINER. FITTED KITCHEN. BATHROOM WITH SEPARATE SHOWER CUBICLE. DOUBLE GLAZED. CENTRAL HEATING. GARDEN. AVAILABLE NOW. PART/FULLY FURNISHED. NO PETS. SHARERS OR FAMILY. SS1 2HJ



WOODGRANGE DRIVE, SOUTHEND £550 PCM
LARGE TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE. LARGE LOUNGE. MODERN FITTED KITCHEN WITH OVEN & HOB. CENTRAL HEATING. PART DOUBLE GLAZED. CARPETS. BALCONY. AVAILABLE 1ST DECEMBER. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. SS1 2SD



PARK ROAD, WESTCLIFF £750 pcm
TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT ARRANGED OVER TWO FLOORS IN THE MILTON CONSERVATION AREA. Large Lounge. Modern fitted Kitchen with appliances. Central Heating. New Carpets. Garden. AVAILABLE NOW. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. SS0 7PQ



NAPIER AVENUE, SOUTHEND £900 PCM
THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOUSE CLOSE TO CLIFF GARDENS. LOUNGE. DINING ROOM. MODERN KITCHEN. CENTRAL HEATING. DOUBLE GLAZED. GARDEN. AVAILABLE NOW. PART OR FULLY FURNISHED. NO PETS. SS1 1LZ



PARK ROAD, WESTCLIFF £695 PCM
FIRST FLOOR FLAT LOCATED IN THE MILTON CONSERVATION AREA. LOUNGE. MODERN FITTED KITCHEN. ONE DOUBLE ONE SINGLE BEDROOM. LOFT ROOM. DOUBLE GLAZED. PARKING SPACE. SECTION OF GARDEN. AVAILABLE NOW. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. SS0 7PQ



THE GROVE, SOUTHEND £800 PCM
THREE BEDROOM FAMILY HOUSE WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF HAMLET COURT ROAD. SCHOOL. LOUNGE/DINER. MODERN FITTED KITCHEN. CONSERVATORY. BATHROOM WITH SHOWER. CENTRAL HEATING. GARDEN. AVAILABLE END DECEMBER. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. SS2 4DB



GORDON ROAD, SOUTHEND £850 PCM
LARGE THREE BEDROOM HOUSE CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE. LOUNGE/DINER. FITTED KITCHEN. UTILITY/SHOWER ROOM/WC. BATHROOM WITH ROLL-TOP BATH. GAS CENTRAL. GARDEN. PERMIT PARKING AVAILABLE. AVAILABLE NOW. PART OR FULLY FURNISHED. NO PETS. SS1 1NQ



PARK ROAD, WESTCLIFF £750 pcm
TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT ARRANGED OVER TWO FLOORS IN THE MILTON CONSERVATION AREA. Large Lounge. Modern fitted Kitchen with appliances. Central Heating. New Carpets. Garden. AVAILABLE NOW. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. SS0 7PQ



HIGH STREET, SHOEBURY £625 PCM
TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO EAST BEACH. LOUNGE. NEW MODERN FITTED KITCHEN. CENTRAL HEATING. PART DOUBLE GLAZED. GARDEN. AVAILABLE NOW. UNFURNISHED. NO PETS. SS3 9AS



WEST ROAD, WESTCLIFF £495 PCM
ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM SELF CONTAINED GROUND FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO LONDON ROAD SHOPS. OWN ENT DOOR. LOUNGE. MODERN KITCHEN/DINER. PARKING. DOUBLE GLAZED. ECONOMY HEATING. AVAILABLE 5TH DECEMBER. UNFURNISHED. SS0 9DH

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Q. We have a growing family, and need more space. But with the market the way it is, wouldn't we be better off extending our current property, rather than moving?

A. If you have the space to do it (not to mention the money), then extending is certainly an option. However, there are a number of important points you need to bear in mind.

Firstly, an extension will almost certainly require planning permission, and major work of this kind will in any case need to conform to current Building Regulations. This is expensive. Of course, you can always have things done on the cheap (and there are plenty of builders around who will be only too happy to oblige), but this will only store up problems for the future. For example, however happy you are in your newly extended home, there may well come a time when you do decide to move – and prospective buyers could easily be scared off if your conversion doesn't have the proper approvals.

Secondly, extending always involves an element of compromise – not to mention the creation of an enormous amount of dirt and disruption. Trying to carry on anything resembling a normal life in the midst of a building site, perhaps for months on end, can be very stressful indeed.

Finally, remember that if and when you do finally come to sell, you will almost certainly fail to recoup the full cost of the extension work. Yes, a 3-bedroomed house is worth more than a 2-bedroom, but rarely by as much as you might think – and almost never by as much as it actually cost to have the work done! One reason for this is that while extensions may provide more accommodation, they will often only do so at the expense of the original character of the property. We've all seen nice, neat Victorian semis that have been completely ruined by the addition of huge, unsightly dormers.

At the end of the day, if you'd rather stay put, then by all means go ahead and extend. But if you would really prefer to move house, then do it – and do it now, because with prices still falling, this is actually a great time to trade up to a larger property!



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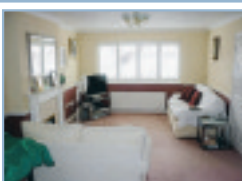
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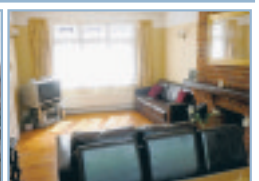
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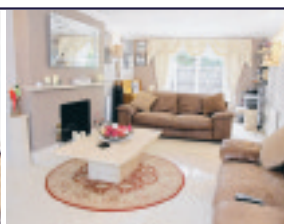
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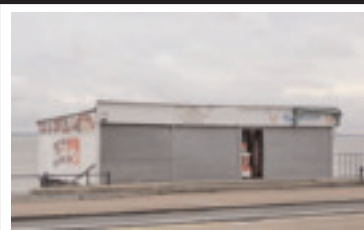
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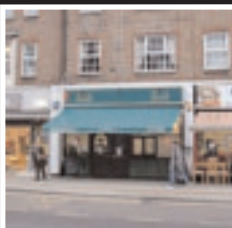
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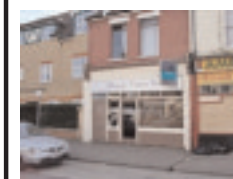
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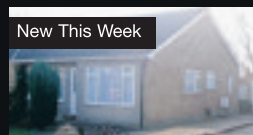
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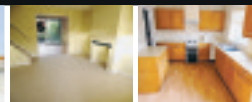
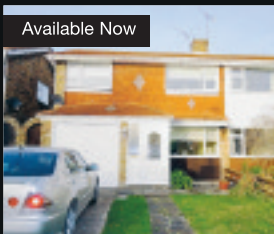
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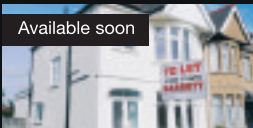
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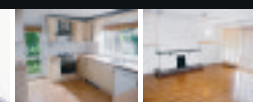
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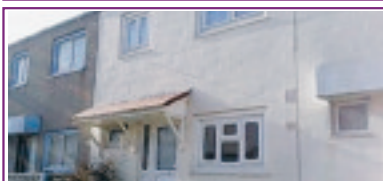
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With property prices out of reach for many first time buyers and with mortgage finance hard to come by, the affordable housing sector has a crucial role to play in ensuring that more people are housed and are able to take the first steps towards owning a home outright.

Although the affordable housing budget, which helps fund the construction of affordable homes, was slashed in the government's Spending Review last month, the government have announced that they will still create 150,000 new affordable homes over the next four years.

Yet despite the help at hand, a Halifax report, released last week, showed that many would-be homebuyers are not familiar with the opportunity that shared ownership and shared equity affordable housing schemes offer.

Nearly three quarters - 72% - of respondents to the Halifax survey said that they would not consider buying an affordable home through a shared equity or ownership scheme. But those people are being urged to reconsider if they want to escape the rental trap.

Stephen Noakes, Halifax commercial director for mortgages, said: "Affordable housing provides a great leg-up onto the property ladder and shouldn't be overlooked. Many people don't know where to turn to find out more about these schemes or wrongly believe that they aren't eligible, but talking to a housing authority or developer is a good place to start.

"For those who think they are priced out of the market we would encourage them to consider an affordable housing scheme. Once a portion of a home is purchased, most schemes will allow the owner to 'staircase' - a process that enables them to slowly increase the amount of the home they own - as and when they can afford it, providing valuable flexibility."

Thames Valley Housing is offering a wide choice of affordable homes for sale in Wandsworth, south London, in a development called Hurlington Court. Constructed by developer St James, part of the Berkeley Group, Hurlington Court features a collection of studio, one, two and three bedroom apartments. Prices start from £50,625.

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by Steve Wright

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When looking at it for the first time, you will see that it isn't a beast at all.

The bodywork is shaped with round curves with frog-like headlights peeping out from the top of the bonnet, giving the car an outdoor sporty feel.

This particular car is fitted with Nissan's all new 1.6 litre engine, which has a very impressive 117-brake horsepower.

The Juke is capable of hitting 0 to 60 in 11 seconds, although I have to say it does feel a little bit quicker than that.

Inside the cabin, you are treated to an onboard centre console that runs the climate control and different driving set-ups.

I was soon navigating my way through the driving options, changing it from normal mode to sporty. It also has an eco mode that calms the engine down to save on fuel.

The driver seat and gear lever are mounted quite high adding to the sporty feel and I found that changing gear was very accurate and smooth and the over all ride was comfortable.

As a day-to-day car, the Nissan Juke is very practical. The rear door handles are hidden, giving you the illusion that you driving a two door (very clever).

Being 6ft 2ins tall I could fit inside the back quite comfortably and had decent amount of knee room.

The boot is also a decent size, making shopping trips a breeze, and the seats fold down like a normal family hatch to give you even more room. As there is no boot lip, you can even slide items straight out with no need for lifting.

Overall, I found the Nissan Juke to be a very enjoyable driving experience and with starting prices from £12,995, an affordable one too.

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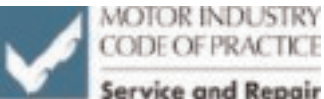
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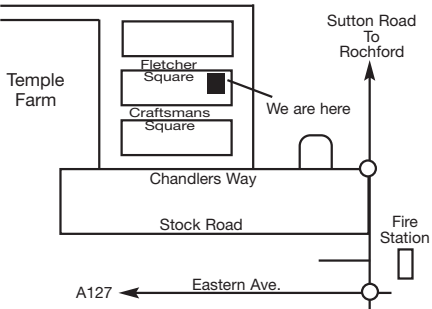
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NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS
 Notice is hereby given, as required by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has drawn up (and agreed at its meeting on 4th November 2010) proposals for new executive arrangements based on the Leader and Cabinet model of governance. These will be submitted to a meeting of Council on 16th December 2010 for formal adoption and will take effect immediately following the Borough elections in May 2011.
 The proposals follow public consultation on the two broad options for new executive arrangements allowed by the 2007 Act (Leader and Cabinet Executive/Mayor and Cabinet Executive).
 The main features of the proposals are:
 1. The Council's Executive will consist of a Leader and between 2 and 9 other councillors.
 2. The Leader will be elected by full Council (initially at the annual meeting in May 2011) and will hold office until his term of councillor has expired (The Council will have the ability to pass a resolution to remove the Leader).
 3. The other Executive Members will be appointed by the Leader who will decide their portfolios.
 The proposals are available for inspection at the civic offices during normal office hours. Alternatively, these can be obtained by emailing committee@southend.gov.uk or writing to Democratic Services at the address below:
 Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ER.

Essex County Council
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 Members of the public may inspect a copy of the application together with an Environmental Statement and other documents submitted with it at Rochford District Council, Council Offices, South Street, Rochford, SS14 1BW and Great Wakering Library, 16 High Street, Great Wakering, Southend-on-Sea, SS3 0EQ during normal opening hours and at Essex County Council at the address below (please call for an appointment on 01245 435555) from 10th November 2010 until the 22 December 2010.
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 NOTICE is hereby given that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council ("the Council") intends to appropriate and dispose of portions of open space land at St Laurence Park at Eastwood, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex for highways purposes to enable the construction of a new link road between Eastwoodbury Lane and Nestuda Way.
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Shrimpers fail to flatten Stanley

Southend United

SOUTHEND United were held to a 1-1 draw at Roots Hall on Saturday as 10-man Accrington Stanley clung on for a point.

The visitors took a first half lead through Jimmy Ryan, but had Peter Murphy sent off after Bilel Moshni had levelled the scores in the second.

Boss Paul Sturrock was critical of his players after the game and urged them to concentrate more.

He said: "There were players out there not thinking about the game, not thinking about their positions. "Our problem is that there is panic setting in after we lost a goal. We are not a free-scoring side and it puts a lot of pressure on us."

"We want to do well as a team and a club and the problem is that the thought process can disappear as we chase an equaliser."

Southend started brightly and Stanley keeper Ian Dunbavin had to be alert to tip Sean Clohessy's cross-shot over the bar just as it seemed to be dipping under.

Anthony Grant also fired over,

but it was the visitors who took the lead on 26 minutes.

Ray Putterill went down just outside the Blues box and Ryan curled in an excellent free kick past Glen Morris.

There was little action for the remainder of the half but it was Stanley playing the better football and creating the chances as the game went into the second.

Putterill and Andrew Proctor both tested Morris in the Southend goal.

But the Shrimpers got back on level terms on 65 minutes thanks to a superb header from Moshni.

Sofiene Zaaboub floated a free kick from the left deep into the box and the Tunisian thundered an excellent header beyond Dunbavin.

The home side tried to seize the initiative and their cause seemed to have been helped when Murphy needlessly clattered into Grant and received his marching orders.

But the Blues, it seemed, were out of ideas and struggled to find a winner. Substitute Harry Crawford thought he had snatched three points late on, but his effort was offside.



GOAL: Bilel Moshni celebrates (above) after scoring Southend's equaliser (right).

Pictures by Dave Montier

Grant under pressure as Irons fail to win again

West Ham United

PRESSURE is building on manager Avram Grant after the Hammers were held to a 0-0 draw with Blackpool leaving them bottom of the Premier League table.

It was end to end stuff at Upton Park with both sides creating a multitude of chances, but very few hitting the target.

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The Irons were dealt an early blow when Kieron Dyer was forced off through injury after 15 minutes - a sign of the luck to follow.

Frederic Piquionne headed wide before Victor Obinna's goalward volley seemed to be blocked by the arms of Blackpool defender Craig Cathcart in the box.

Scott Parker and Mark Noble turned in an excellent performance in the centre of midfield for the Hammers, while Pablo Barrera looked lively.

But Blackpool - who had 11 changes from the controversial side that lost to Aston Villa midweek - also created chances and, perhaps, the more clearcut.

Gary Taylor-Fletcher fired over when well placed and Marlon Harewood could have exacted revenge for his poor spell with the Irons with a late winner, but fluffed from close range.

"We need that first win," said Grant after the game. "Once we have that win, that will give us confidence and many wins will follow."

Essex secure the signing of batsman Shah

Essex County Cricket

ESSEX have secured the signing of former England batsman Owais Shah on a two-year deal.

The 32-year-old joins after his 16-year stay at Middlesex came to an end in the summer following his release.

Essex have been speaking to Shah for the last month to try and secure his signing.

The right-hand batsman scored

more than 20,000 runs for Middlesex and is hoping to add more runs for himself and Essex next season.

He said: "I'm delighted to have signed for Essex. Having played against them on many occasions, I've got great respect for their players and their excellent team spirit."

Shah, currently playing in South Africa for the Cape Cobras, will join up with his new team-mates in March.

He still harbours hopes of returning to the England fold after making his test debut in 2006.

"I'm still passionate about representing England again and believe that, by playing my cricket in a great environment at Essex, I will have every chance of achieving that ambition."

Essex head coach, Paul Grayson, believes Shah's signing is a 'real coup' for Essex cricket.

He said: "He is a high quality batsman and will score some big runs for us. I put him in the same bracket as (Mark) Ramprakash and (Marcus) Trescothick, who are county players not currently representing England."

"Owais had been at Middlesex for a long time and needed a new challenge. He has expressed his desire to get back into the England setup and we believe this is somewhere that he can fulfil this desire."

City rescue a point while Thurrock remain bottom after loss

Non-League Football

CHELMSFORD City came from 2-0 down to rescue a point at Woking in Blue Square South on Saturday.

Craig Faulconbridge gave the Cards the lead with a penalty after 20 minutes and Moses Ademola made it 2-0 in the 36th minute.

But after a stern talking to from head coach Glenn Pennyfather, City got back into it through Matt Lock 10 minutes after the break, and Ricky Modeste levelled proceedings with 18 minutes remaining.

Struggling Thurrock remain bottom, losing 2-1 at Weston-super-Mare. Dayle Grubb gave the hosts the lead through the spot after 19 minutes, and it was doubled on 34 minutes through Martin Slocombe.

Dean Cracknell equalised with a

penalty before half-time for Fleet, but they could not find the equaliser in the second half.

Billerica Town moved up to third place in Ryman League Premier, winning 2-1 at relegation battlers Horsham. James Lawson scored his third goal in two games to put Billericay ahead, and despite Michael Hector's equaliser, Anthony Robinson scored the winner in the 64th minute.

Canvey Island suffered disappointment at promotion chasers Kingstonian, losing 3-1. Tobi Jinadu and Bobby Traynor (2) put K's in control while Danny Heale managed a late reply for the Gulls.

Aveley slipped to second bottom, losing 3-0 at Cray Wanderers. Goals from Ross Lover (2) and Steve Lozano inflicted the damage.

After losing 7-1 to Tonbridge

Angels last month, AFC Hornchurch got their revenge and maintained their unbeaten run since then with a 3-1 victory.

Martin Tuohy and Dave Collis put the Urchins in control, with Michael Spencer making it three with 14 minutes remaining. Frannie Collin pulled one back for Angels with a penalty.

Concord Rangers rediscovered that winning feeling, winning 2-1 against Folkestone Invicta.

Darren Smith put Invicta ahead and Concord had keeper Dale Brightly to thank for saving James Everitt's penalty.

Concord turned it round with goals from Harry Elmes and Jacob Erskine to win.

Great Wakering Rovers put up a brave fight but went down 3-2 to Ryman League Division One North

leaders Needham Market.

Maldon & Tiptree moved into third, winning 3-2 against Redbridge who drop into the bottom two.

East Thurrock United got up to fourth following their 2-1 triumph at fellow play-off chasers Thamesmead Town, while Romford moved back into the chasing pack, thrashing bottom side Waltham Forest 5-1.

Nothing could separate Brentwood Town and Heybridge Swifts who drew 3-3, along with Grays Athletic and Ware who drew 1-1.

Tilbury scored an important 1-0 victory at fellow relegation battlers Leyton, while Ilford went down 1-0 at home to AFC Sudbury.

Waltham Abbey lost 2-1 at Cheshunt while Great Wakering Rovers put up a brave fight, but lost 3-2 at leaders Needham Market.

Rugby Union

Barking still unbeaten and Southend pick up victory

BARKING saw off mid-table Wharfedale to remain top of National League One and keep their unbeaten record in tact.

The East Enders ran in four tries in their 31-6 victory, and picked up the all important bonus-point.

With a penalty apiece from each side to make it 3-3, Barking got their first try through Lee Griffiths, with Adam Armstrong adding the conversion.

The visitors added another penalty to make it 10-6 at half-time, but Barking struck the killer blow on 47 minutes when David Vincent went over for the try, with Armstrong not making any mistake with the kick.

Scott Alfeld drove in under the posts for try number three, while Harry Owens grabbed the fourth and in turn secured the bonus points.

Southend got back to winning ways in National League Two South with a 38-5 triumph over Westcombe Park to remain third.

Mike Stanley got the scoring underway with his eighth try of the season, followed by tries from Sam Arnot, Luke Irvine, Chris Vaughan and a second from Stanley.

Westcliff are three points ahead of Chingford in London One North after both sides chalked up victories.

The leaders saw off bottom side Letchworth Garden City 29-5, while Chingford beat second bottom Eton Manor 24-7.

Thurrock lost ground to the chasing pack, losing 26-31 to third place Colchester, while Brentwood went down 32-13 at Stevenage Town and Woodford lost 10-32 to Sidcup.

Rochford Hundred head London Two North East following their narrow 18-16 victory over Romford & Gidea Park.

Canvey Island move into third with their 40-21 win over Sudbury, while Chelmsford keep a watching brief in fourth, seeing off Saffron Walden 47-15.

In London Three North East, Basildon kept up the chase to Newmarket and Lowestoft & Yarmouth ahead of them following their 29-16 victory over Norwich.

Wanstead had no answer to leaders Newmarket, losing 18-10, while Campton were defeated 16-44 by Lowestoft & Yarmouth.

South Woodham Ferrers moved into mid-table, beating Bancroft 25-24 in a tough encounter.

American Football

Spartans looking ahead

ESSEX Spartans American football team took their first steps towards the 2011 campaign this weekend with a trial day for new players which proved to be a huge success.

An impressive number of enthusiastic trialists braved the typical November weather and were put through their paces during a two-hour session with current Spartans coaches and players at the weekend.

As the rain fell on Hannakins Farm, Billericay, the Spartans coaching team of Marc Saunders, Sean Benton, Wes Bourke and Kieron Goymer took the new recruits through a full training session, including football fundamentals and positional drills.

Current Spartan players were also in attendance to ensure the newcomers were made to feel welcome as they got their first taste of Essex Spartans football.

Following the success of the trials, Spartans are holding a second trial day on Sunday, November 21, for those who missed it, running from 12pm to 2pm. The trial will take place on the AstroTurf pitch, and anyone wishing to attend should bring suitable footwear, clothing, and a gumshield.

For more details, visit the teams website, www.essexspartans.co.uk. The team would also be interested in hearing from anyone interested in sponsoring the team.